

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

---

In re Patent Application of:  
Lutz Freitag

Application No.: 11/798,965

Confirmation No.: 7630

Filed: May 18, 2007

Art Unit: 3771

For: TRACHEOSTOMA SPACER,  
TRACHOTOMY METHOD, AND DEVICE  
FOR INSERTING A TRACHEOSTOMA  
SPACER

---

Examiner: S. O. Douglas

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant(s) hereby make of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 and a full copy of each of the documents required under 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2) accompany this statement.

This statement is not to be interpreted as a representation that the cited documents are material, that an exhaustive search has been conducted, or that no other relevant information exists. Nor shall the citation of any document herein be construed *per se* as a representation that such document is prior art. Moreover, Applicant(s) understand(s) the Examiner will make an independent evaluation of the cited documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned (37 CFR 1.97(b)(3)).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this

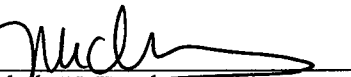
Application No.: 11/798,965

Docket No.: 023189.0103PTUS

application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2228, under Order No. 023189.0103PTUS.  
A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

Dated: May 28, 2008

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Michele V. Frank

Registration No.: 37,028

PATTON BOGGS LLP

8484 Westpark Drive, 9th Floor

McLean, Virginia 22102

(703) 744-8000

(703) 744-8001 (Fax)

Attorney for Applicant